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In re Application of
Angus J. Tocher
Application No. 10/802,291
Filed: March 16, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 5134-2

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: DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on April 29, 2004. The petition to make special is based upon the development of energy resources, and no petition fee is required.

The petition is granted.

A review of the petition shows that all of the requirements established in MPEP § 708.02(VI) for a petition based upon the development of energy resources have been satisfied. Therefore, petitioner is entitled to have this application handled special in accordance with MPEP § 708.02, subsection styled "Handling of Petitions to Make Special".

Accordingly, the examiner will treat this application as special throughout its prosecution. Prior to the first action on the merits, the examiner will conduct a rigorous search for potentially interfering applications. The interference search will be brought up to date prior to each successive action.

The Supervisory Patent Examiner of Patent Examining Art Unit 3745 is being advised of the granting of the instant petition, and will in turn advise the examiner to whom the application is assigned of the special status of this application and the need for action consistent with this Decision.

PETITION GRANTED.

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